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SUBJECT: ICRC INTEREST IN POSSIBLE U.S. AID TO VIETNAM

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1. WE BELIEVE YOU CAN BEST INFORM HOCKE ON THE RESULTS OF THE WOODCOCK COMMISSION'S VISIT BY PROVIDING HIM A COPY OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT. THE REPORT WENT OUT ON THE WIRELESS FILE MARCH 23. DEPARTMENT OFFICER (SIEVERTS IN D/HA) HAS ALSO MAILED A COPY OF THE REPORT TO HOCKE WITH ADDITIONAL INFO ON HIS OTHER QUESTIONS. THE WIRELESS FILE ALSO CARRIED THE TEXT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE THE PRESIDENT AND MR. WOODCOCK HELD AFTER THEIR MARCH 23 MEETING. IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS 4 AND 6 IN THE PRESIDENT'S MARCH 24
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PRESS CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ISSUES ALSO RELATE TO THE WOODCOCK COMMISSION AND FUTURE U.S.-VIETNAM RELATIONS.

2. FOR HOCKE'S FURTHER INFORMATION, "OPERATION REVERSE-BABYLIFT" DID NOT ARISE IN THE COMMISSION'S DISCUSSIONS, ALTHOUGH AS INDICATED IN REPORT SRV AUTHORITIES DID NOTE

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IN GENERAL TERMS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO LET PROPERLY-DOCU-
MENTED PERSONS RETURN TO VIETNAM AFTER AP,ROPRIATE REVIEW
OF THEIR CASES.

3. WHILE WE WILL KEEP IN MIND HOCKE'S OFFER OF THE ICRC
AS A POSSIBLE CHANNEL FOR FOOD AID, OUR PRESENT LEGISLA-
TION PROHIBITS ANY SUCH AID TO VIETNAM. THE PRESIDENT
INDICATED AT HIS MARCH 24 PRESS CONFERENCE THE PRESENT
U.S. POSITION ON AID AND TRADE WITH VIETNAM.

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